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⑤④ **Spatial light modulator and method.**

⑤⑦ An electrostatically deflectable beam spatial light modulator with the beams (30), address electrodes (42, 46), and landing electrodes (40, 41) to provide soft-landing of the beams on the landing electrodes (40, 41) which gives uniform large-angle deflection plus high reliability.

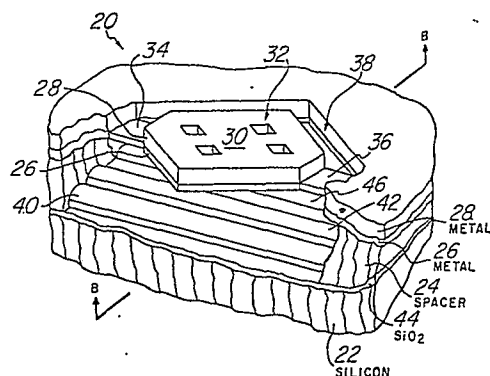


Fig. 1a



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